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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

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Serial No.: To Be Assigned

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For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PRIMERS THAT
DESTABILIZE NON-SPECIFIC
DUPLEX FORMATION AND USES
THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said oligonucleotide is a homopolymer comprising at least one nucleotide modification.

13. (Amended) The method according to claim 5, wherein an enzyme capable of RNA-dependent DNA polymerization is used for said first strand synthesis.

19. (Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein said oligonucleotide is a homopolymer.

REMARKS

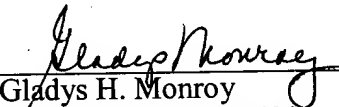
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**".

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Respectfully submitted,

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